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## TWO YEARS OF DEBTORS' COURT

Judge W. H. Kemper Files His Biennial Statement.

Justice Dealt Out to Those Unable to Pay.

BIG DECREASE IN CASES FILED

Number Falls From 378 First Year to 114 the Second.

Only a Few of the Litigants Express Dissatisfaction.

The biennial statement of the small debtors' court of Topeka, just filed by Judge W. H. Kemper, shows that the court is doing the work it was intended to do—seeing that justice is dealt without expense to those who are least able to pay court costs. Incidentally the report gives some interesting figures on human character. One man wanted the court abolished because he was forced to pay \$1 which he owed. He thought it an outrage for any court to take judicial notice of such a small claim. But the dollar probably meant as much to the man to whom it was due as a much larger sum might mean to others, and it is for such cases that the court was created.

The report in full is as follows:

Total amount of claims filed.....	\$2,579.94
Dismissed for various reasons.....	505.15
Total amount involved in cases tried.....	2,074.79
Total amount given in judgments.....	1,170.76
Amount filed in excess of judgments given.....	904.03
Total amount collected and paid to plaintiffs.....	1,402.34
Amount certified to clerk.....	\$276.79
Amount of judgments on which no payment has been made.....	281.28
Balance due on judgments.....	110.15
Number of cases dismissed.....	79
Number of cases actually tried.....	431
Number of cases where judgments were less than the amount filed for in the claims.....	95
Number of cases where judgment given was more than the amount filed for in the claim.....	2
Average amount collected per case.....	5.25
Smallest claim.....	20
Largest claim.....	200.00
Probable amount collected where cases were not docketed.....	400.00
\$400.00 collected without making a record added to the \$1,402.34 paid to the court makes a total of about.....	1,800.00
Number of cases certified to clerk.....	38
The sheriff has collected a few of these judgments and in each case the costs have been paid by the defendant. These costs are light, averaging less than \$3.00 per case.	
The costs, when collected, are put into the county treasury, and while this court was never intended to be a revenue producer for the county, incidentally it helps a little. The county is at no expense in making these collections.	
It is as necessary to see that the plaintiff's claim is not more than it should be as it is to have the defendant paid. That accounts for there being 95 cases where the judgment is less than the amount filed for.	
There were 378 cases filed the first year and 114 the second. This shows that we have settled many of the cases of long standing and that the new cases are not so numerous now as composed of the court began its work. The moral effect of the court is good and in many cases a man pays promptly when he might drag out the time if the laborer had no place to go for assistance.	
Sometimes in talking over their	

cases one man says, "I won't," and the other says, "you shall," and they both get angry and stubborn. In such cases it takes longer to get the angry feelings allayed than it does to get a settlement.

One defendant wanted the court abolished because he had to appear to show cause why he should not pay one dollar for labor. He said it was an outrage that he had to come to court over so small a sum. If he had paid it when the work was done he would not have been in court. On the same theory all defendants would want all courts abolished.

Out of 431 cases that have been tried there are not more than a dozen defendants and a few plaintiffs who are dissatisfied, but some of them make a great fuss about it. One case the plaintiff and defendant were neither satisfied and talked a lot to the judge. These savings are made by the court you can set it down that he has been compelled to make an honest settlement.

In two cases the plaintiffs were doing work that required a state permit, which neither had. One of them is now living in Topeka and the other said no more business would be done until a permit was secured. However, both are now unfriendly to this court.

This court protects the defendant as well as the plaintiff. When a judgment is given against the defendant, he and the judge, agree on the time of payments. If it would be a hardship on the defendant to pay it all at once, arrangements are made for weekly or monthly payments and as long as the defendant makes the payments as agreed on the case will not be certified to the district clerk and no garnishment can be made.

Again I want to warn women of the risk they take in loaning their savings to men, and others, on unsecured notes. These savings are as good as lost if the ordinary unsecured note is not.

Municipal bonds and deposits in savings banks are safe, and while the interest rate is low there is no risk of losing either interest or principal.

It is a pretty good condition in a city of 50,000 when there are only 114 cases of record and probably 100 telephone cases in this court in one year. Most people want to pay their honest debts. May the tribe of "dead beats" grow less and less.

## TO DEHORN ELKS

Attorney General Asks Court for Writ of Ouster.

His Action Is Directed Against the Cherryvale Lodge.

Because, as he claims, the gambling and liquor laws are being violated, Attorney General Brewster has asked the supreme court for an ouster order against the Cherryvale Elks' lodge. The petition in quo warranto also asks for the appointment of a receiver and revoking of the license of the lodge.

Evidence is said to have been presented to the attorney general which led him to believe that the prohibition law as well as the law against gambling had been violated by the Cherryvale lodge. On this evidence, Brewster will seek to close the club rooms and revoke the lodge's charter. That the action of the state against the Cherryvale Elks' lodge is the first of a series of moves to stop alleged law violations by clubs chartered under the state law, was indicated by Brewster, following the filing of his case in the supreme court. "There is less excuse for the violation of law in the well-to-do club than in the poor man's joint," said Brewster.

The Cherryvale lodge No. 989 and was chartered in April, 1914. Ralph E. Hacker is exalted ruler of the lodge. The governing body is composed of A. N. Dickler and James O'Leary, while H. T. Wilson, Charles Heese, Dr. Schroeder and W. K. Howell are trustees. J. G. Sadler is secretary of the lodge.

Plauen, Germany, has a normal population of 106,000.

## TOPEKA WILL BLAZE THE WAY

Plan Is Worked Out for Combating Dread Disease.

Publicity and Quarantine Are the Main Features.

CITY TO PAY FOR TREATMENT

Where Victims Are Unable to Bear the Expense.

Appropriation for the Purpose to Go Into Budget.

Welfare work of a kind different from that undertaken by any other city is to be attempted by the city of Topeka. If a program now under consideration by Mayor House, and the members of the city commission, is adopted, practical quarantine and compulsory treatment of clandestine diseases will be the result. When the city budget for the year 1916 is passed upon by the city commission next month it will include an appropriation for the handling of cases of a kind which heretofore have never been the subject of municipal oversight.

The city quarantines persons having smallpox, measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever and even mumps, but heretofore Topeka, and in fact no city, has made any attempt to control diseases of a more serious nature. The plans of the city commissioners are not worked out in detail, for it is only since the revelations of the last few days, that the matter has received their attention.

The plan outlined roughly, will call for the passage of a new city ordinance to carry out the purposes of the budget appropriation. The ordinance as prepared will contain provisions compelling all physicians practicing in the city to report to the city board of health the names of all persons known by them to have disease of a kind which the ordinance will also be compelled to report whether or not in their opinion such persons are exercising proper precautions against the spread of the disease. Cases in which there is reason to suspect laxness on the part of patients will be reported to the board and by the board to the police and isolation or quarantine will be enforced as a police measure for public safety.

Not only will physicians be required by ordinance to report the names of such persons taking treatment from them, but they also will be required to report the names of others as learned from their patients.

To Establish Free Clinic.

For persons who are not able to stand the expense of private physicians a free clinic will be maintained at city expense. Mayor House learned that this can be done. Two of the leading physicians of the city specializing in such cases have offered their services on a basis which will call for no greater expense on the part of the city than the salary of one policeman.

In acting on this matter the mayor and commissioners are consulting the physicians of the city and expect their hearty co-operation.

"In tackling this problem many people tell us we will be trying something which can never be done. But I believe it can be done, and Dr. S. J. Crumrine of the state board of health believes it can be done. Anyway, we are going to find out, and as a matter of fact we are doing it now," said Mayor House.

Dr. A. B. Jeffrey, who has given much study to the question, and who secured the evidence making it possible for the city to take what action has already resulted, believes the plan most practical for Topeka.

"There was a time when great objection was made against quarantining any disease, but that time has passed," said Dr. Jeffrey. "Diseases of the kind in question have been side-stepped in the matter of regulation because they are not nice to talk about. But merely closing our eyes does no good. Education is needed and when once the right plan is adopted the public will approve it."

"We have societies organized to fight the 'white plague' or tuberculosis. We sell stamps to aid such purposes and collections are raised in our churches, and at the same time nothing is said of other diseases many times worse in their nature and more numerous in victims."

"Disease is eating the very life out of some of the prominent homes of Topeka. Some of these people know what is the trouble and some do not. I know of one fourteen-year-old boy, diseased in the worst possible way. The parents' life plans for this boy have been wrecked."

"The present situation in Topeka

emphasizes the need of action, both legal and educational. One of the girls under arrest boasted of the number and prominence of her victims. She kept a separate list of victims and intended victims, and of the former are business men and high school students. I do not think she realized the seriousness of her offense and this was also true of some of her victims who failed to warn their friends even after she had declared her intentions concerning them. It was a tragic meeting at the police station when ten of these victims gathered together. She named these ten without knowing them. And this woman was only one of several women like her.

Topeka to Lead the Way.

"For such a thing to happen and the city be powerless to take effective legal action does not seem possible. To preach morality is good, but this calls for something more than preaching, and the administration which finds a way to prevent recurrences of such things, is not only engaging in real welfare work for Topeka, but is showing the way for other cities."

"Our state laws should be strengthened so there will be no doubt of the city's right to control the worst as well as other diseases, and if cities are to maintain free clinics, they should be protected by state laws whereby 'endless chain' passengers cannot be unloaded by one community upon another. There should be a law providing a penalty for any city or county officer to provide transportation to another city or county of any person afflicted with diseases of the kind under discussion."

"As conditions now are, these unfortunate are sent from one community to another merely to get rid of them. Other counties send them to Shawnee county, and Shawnee county as a matter of protection sends them to another. This was done just this week. Topeka got rid of this disease-spreading, demented man, but what about the community to which he was sent? I do not think we should do to some other community what we do to some other community."

Expect Heavy Michigan Travel.

W. E. Wolfenden, general passenger agent of the Pere Marquette railroad, has issued a statement regarding the Michigan resort prospects. "On account of the war shutting off European travel," he said, "a great many tourists who have never made the northern trip will go this year to the north pine woods. In fact, reservations are coming into the northern Michigan hotels in larger numbers than during any previous season."

For reservations on the SHRINE SPECIAL to Seattle and return, leaving Topeka July 7, write to Mr. J. B. Doncyon, Masonic Temple, Topeka. Phone 1443.—Adv.

Prince Edward Island yearly produces \$10,000,000 worth of marine and agricultural exports.

A Winged-Shaped Car.

R. S. Parsons, general manager of the Erie railroad, has announced that a wing-shaped car, invented by Division Engineer J. J. Bouken of the Erie, has been adopted by the four divisions under him. The car will be sent over the entire road later, after being used on these four divisions. The car is a wing-shaped car, which extends from the side, this wing scrapes the dirt from the ties, giving an even roadbed and cutting for no greater and ditching line in operation, saving time and money. It also improves the appearance of the road, and is regarded as one of the best pieces of machinery that has been turned out in years.

Resume Superior Traffic.

Traffic on the Santa Fe connection at Superior, Neb., has again been resumed over the Strong City branch. The high waters of the Republican river washed out the track a week ago, causing everything to be tied up. C. W. Kouns, of Topeka, general manager, has returned from the district.

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## RAILROAD NEWS

Topekans Return From Master Mechanics' Convention.

Large Exhibit of Railway Devices at Atlantic City.

WING-SHAPED CAR ON ERIE

General Manager of Road Adopts It on Four Divisions.

Other Items of General Interest in the Traffic World.

The largest exhibit of railway appliances in the world was on hand at the Master Mechanics' convention held all last week in Atlantic City. Different parts of locomotive, shop and rolling stock machinery were on exhibition by corporations in the United States, England, France, Germany, India and Australia. Four thousand people attended the convention and its subsidiary meetings.

The Santa Fe railway was represented by John Purcell, of Chicago, assistant to the vice president; M. H. Haig of Topeka, mechanical engineer; Albert McRae, Chicago, editor Santa Fe magazine; Frank W. Thomas, Topeka, supervisor of apprentices; C. N. Swanson, Topeka, superintendent of car shops; J. E. McQuillen, mechanical superintendent, Cleburne; J. E. Symons, master mechanic, Cleburne; Maynard Robinson, master mechanic, Temple; J. H. McGoff, mechanical superintendent, Topeka; H. B. McFarland, Chicago, engineer of tests, and Charles T. Ripley, Chicago, general mechanical inspector.

Mr. Purcell gave his lieutenants instructions to do all the scouting necessary to pick out anything that the Santa Fe might be interested in. Later the Santa Fe men held a conference and discussed the merits of the various devices. A decision was reached regarding the advisability of further investigation.

Mr. Thomas went east in advance of the rest of the party. He attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Corporation Schools at Worcester, Mass.

"I am pleased with the progress which has been made by this association," he said today upon his return from the east, "and the corporate school meeting was the best that has ever been held."

Mark Historic Points.

Points of interest, particularly scenes of battles, army and brigade headquarters, and the names of the principal streams along its lines, will be marked by the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, so that the traveler may easily see from the car windows the sites of some of the most prominent engagements of the Civil war; in fact, the work of establishing these markers has already begun. The markers are cast in metal and mounted on railroad rails, set in concrete. The tablets are painted white and the black lettering makes the marker easily discernible.

Cut Colorado Fares.

There will be a general reduction in one-way fares in Colorado effective July 1, according to an announcement made in Topeka today in the Rio Grande Service Gazette. Effective the same day, round trip tickets, with final return limit of fifteen days from date of sale, may be sold between any two stations in Colorado, at ninety per cent of double the one-way fare.

Big Strawberry Shipments.

More than 700 solid car loads of strawberries have been shipped from the east Tennessee section and points south of Chattanooga to Cincinnati and other western markets during the season. The coming to close, according to figures of the Queen and Crescent route, over which practically the entire crop moved. The great bulk of this movement comes from the north of Chattanooga on the C. N. O. and T. P. railway. A number of cars also came from points on the Southern railway in east Tennessee, the total from these two sections this year running over 600 cars. Eighty cars came from Cuba, Ala., and other stations in that territory on the Alabama Great Southern road. There were a few scattering shipments to make the total.

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Loan No. 9873, \$1,800.00—Comanche County, Oklahoma, 6 per cent interest, payable semi-annually, term of loan five years. This property consists of 150 acres, only 5 miles from Faxon, with 144 acres bottom land. Our examiner's valuation of the property is \$6,000.00 and reports the borrower a thrifty and thoroughly reliable man. There are 12 acres in alfalfa.

Loan No. 9880, \$2,800.00—Tillman County, Oklahoma, 6 per cent interest, payable annually, term of loan seven years. The security in this loan is a quarter section, located 3 1/2 miles from Tipton, and has 137 acres in cultivation. Our examiner's valuation of the property is \$7,000.00. The place is occupied by the owner, who is a thrifty German, and his place is reported in good condition and well managed. This money is wanted to complete the purchase price of the property.

Loan No. 9881, \$2,200.00—Tillman County, Oklahoma, 6 per cent interest, payable annually, term of loan five years. The security in this loan is an 80-acre farm, located only three miles from a good town, with 78 acres in cultivation. There are 25 acres in alfalfa. The place is neatly improved and our examiner values the property at \$6,000.00. He adds that the land is of the very best quality, and could not be bought for less than \$100.00 per acre. The property is occupied by the owner.

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